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The office action issued by the Examiner and the citations referred to in the office action have been carefully considered.

Claims 3, 6, 13, 16, 18-20 are amended. Claims 7 and 17 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 1-6, 8-16, and 18-22 are now pending with this response. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections set forth in the Office Action dated June 24, 2005, is respectfully requested. Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance.

Claim Objections

The Examiner has objected to Claim 3-5, 8-10, 13, 14, and 20-22, due to informalities in the claim language. Claims 3, 8, and 20 have been amended to provide appropriate correction. Claim 13 has also been amended to provide appropriate correction.

Claims 7, 15, and 17-19 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Claim 6 has been amended into include all limitations from allowable claim 7. Claim 16 has been amended to include all limitations from claim 17. Applicants submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Examiner has rejected Claims 6, 13, and 16 as being anticipated by Riuli. Claim 6 has been amended to include limitations for allowable claim 7. Claim 13, as amended, depends directly or indirectly from allowable claim 6. Accordingly, such claims are deemed to be novel over Riuli by virtue of such dependency.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected Claim 11 as being unpatentable over Riuli in view of Dillon and Claim 12 as being unpatentable over Riuli in view of Wonderley. Claims 11 and 12 depend

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directly or indirectly from allowable amended claim 6. Accordingly, such claims are deemed to be patentable over Riuli in view of Dillon or Wonderley by virtue of such dependency.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been successfully traversed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized during the prosecution of this application to charge fees that may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2638. Please ensure that our Attorney Docket No. 60210-010101 with any credit or charge to our Deposit Account.

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